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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note

John McCoy, Jr. was born on September 24, 1770 in Augusta County, Virginia to John and Sarah (née Oliver) McCoy. He married Catherine Williams, also of Virginia, and settled on a farm in Knox County near Vincennes, Indiana, where they had six children: John (III), William, Sarah, James, Joanna, and Robert. Like his father, who fought in the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars, John McCoy, Jr. fought in the military, serving as a private in Captain Thomas Scott's Company of Infantry of the Indiana militia during the War of 1812. He was killed in action during the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811. His son, John McCoy III, was born on June 15, 1798 in Knox County, Indiana and later moved to Princeton, Indiana with his wife and family. John McCoy, Jr's daughter, Sarah, married David Reel and lived on a farm near Vincennes, Indiana with their six children: David, John, Catherine, Elizabeth, Mathilda, and James.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes three letters, two from John McCoy in Knox County, Indiana and a third from William McCoy in Princeton, Indiana, ranging from 1801 to 1835. The first letter, written by John McCoy to his mother and brother, Sarah and Robert McCoy, in Pendleton County, Virginia on February 17, 1801 concerning his family's welfare, religion, the birth of his sons, local weather, and farming. Another letter, written by John McCoy on October 26, 1811 regarding his health, military life during the War of 1812, and words of advice, was sent to his wife, Catherine McCoy and children, following McCoy's death on November 11, 1811 at the Battle of Tippecanoe. The final letter was written by John McCoy III, John and Catherine McCoy's son, in Princeton, Indiana to his brother-in-law, David Reel in Knox County, Indiana on November 16, 1835, regarding his family's health, the death of his daughter, and greetings to his sister, Sarah, and her children.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Vincennes (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- McCoy, John, 1770-1811
- McCoy, William
- Tenskwatawa, Shawnee Prophet

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Family history
- History--Revolution, 1775-1783, [War of 1812, etc.]
- Princeton (Ind.)